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## From the Oriental Churches

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### Appointment of apostolic administrator *sede vacante* of the eparchy of Guizeh

The Holy Father Francis has appointed Rev. Toma Adly Zaki, rector of the Major Coptic Seminary of Maadi, as titular bishop of Cabasa and apostolic administrator *sede vacante* of the eparchy of Guizeh. The prelate has assumed the name of Thomas.

### **Rev. Toma Adly Zaki**

The Rev. Toma Adly Zaki was born in Minia in Egypt, on 5 November 1966. In 1988 he graduated in civil engineering, obtaining in 1999 a certificate in Islamology from the PISAI in Rome, and a licentiate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Urbaniana University. He was ordained a priest on 20 April 2001.

He has held various ministries: from 2001 to 2003 he was deputy pastor of the Cathedral of Minya; since 2008 teacher of sacred scripture and formator at the Coptic Catholic Seminary in Cairo.

He is currently rector of the seminary, secretary general of the Assembly of the Catholic Hierarchy in Egypt, and head of the "Saint Jerome" Centre for Bible Studies in Cairo.

In addition to Arabic, he speaks Italian and English.

**Appointment of coadjutor of the eparchy of Pathanamthitta, India and of the coadjutor of the eparchy of Muvattupuzha, India**

The Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malankara Major Archiepiscopal Church has elected:

**H.E. Msgr. Samuel Mar Irenios (Kattukallil)**, former auxiliary bishop of Trivandrum of the Syro-Malankars, as coadjutor of the eparchy of Pathanamthitta, India;

**H.E. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius (Kochuthundil)**, former bishop of the Major Archiepiscopal Curia, as coadjutor of the eparchy of Muvattupuzha, India.

**H.E. Msgr. Samuel Mar Irenios (Kattukallil)**

H.E. Msgr. Samuel Mar Irenios (Kattukallil) was born on 13 May 1952 in Kadammanitta, Kerala. He was ordained a priest on 22 December 1978 and has served in various parishes as pastor.

He was editor-in-chief of *Christhava Kahalam*, the official journal of the archieparchy of Trivandrum of the Syro-Malankars, and has taught in various academic institutions in Kerala. He has served as syncellus (episcopal vicar) of the archieparchy of Trivandrum of the Syro-Malankars from 2007 to 2010.

On 25 January 2010 he was elected as auxiliary bishop of Trivandrum of the Syro-Malankars, and on 13 March of the same year received episcopal consecration.

**H.E. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius (Kochuthundil)**

H.E. Yoohanon Mar Theodosius (Kochuthundil) was born on 8 April 1959 in Puthussery Bhagon, Kerala. After attending the minor seminary of Trivandrum, he completed his institutional studies at Saint Joseph's Pontifical Seminary (Aluva) and was ordained a priest on 22 December 1985. He holds a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Oriental Institute of Rome.

He has served in the following offices: parish priest, secretary to the archbishop of Trivandrum, rector of the minor seminary, president of the tribunal, official of the Episcopal Conference (C.C.B.I.), protosyncellus (vicar general) of the eparchy of Gurgaon and, currently, of the archieparchy of Trivandrum.

On 5 August 2017 he was elected as bishop of the major archiepiscopal curia of the Syro-Malankar Church, and on 21 September of the same year he received episcopal consecration. He is apostolic visitor for the Syro-Malankar faithful resident in Europe and Oceania.

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